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Lighting up

Contest winners
announced

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Early deadline

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issue will be 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Happy holidays!

Jack and Jill
concert

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Vicki Brooker photo

Santa's support crew

The green-clad and newly eco-friendly Santa gathered his crew of toys, trees, elves and flower children around him for one final number at last Wednesday's Christmas concert at Elk Point Elementary School.

Santa goes green!

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

They were dreaming of a green Christmas at Elk Point Elementary School's first of two concerts last Wednesday, where the school's 'A' classes played the starring roles.

The concert started with a welcome from MCs Christopher Boratyniec and Renae Cameron and O Canada led by Olivia Rose Leaf, before Mrs. Woods brought in her Kindergarten 'A' class to sing "Play the Bells to Celebrate" and "He'll Be Coming Down the Chimney."

Assistant superintendent Patricia Gervais brought greetings from St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 and heartily commended the students and staff on all the work they have done to prepare for the concert.

"It's an amazing day," Principal Lorne Young enthused. "This is a great way to start the Christmas season." He acknowledged that some practices had been missed due to the extreme cold weather, "but I think they'll know their stuff."

Their production, "Santa Goes Green," proved him right. Mrs. Claus, the elves and Rudolph have their hands/hoves full trying to make this a green Christmas, but Santa doesn't understand the push. He likes things just the way they are.

"Merry, Merry Christmas," sings Rudolph and the elves. "We're going green this year," Mrs. Claus insists.

"Not me," says Santa. "I'm too busy to get bogged down with that sort of thing."

The green revolution at the North Pole continues, with solar panels going up on the housetop and Rudolph getting a 'smart' nose, which he says is much more environment-friendly.

The lovely Sequoia, whose close friends sadly fell to clear-cutting, says the world is "caught up in the greenhouse effect," with habitats being destroyed and icebergs melting, a fact much lamented in the song she shared with her fellow trees.

Santa remains worried that he'll have to give up everything he likes, as Rudolph and the other reindeer explore other green options, turning off lights, turning off pumps and running Santa's sleigh on ethanol. Plugging in the sleigh just shows the scope of the problem, when all the lights go out.

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Is Santa smarter than Elementary students?

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Is Santa smarter than kids in school? That important question was answered in Thursday's Elk Point Elementary concert, which started off with a welcome by Vanessa Ockerman and Austin Stafford and O Canada led by Sydney Hardcastle and Cassandra Glambeck.

Mrs. Woods and her Kindergarten B class started off the concert with "Christmas is Here" and "Jolly, Jolly Santa."

School Board chairman Darrell Youngmans welcomed program coordinator Glenda Bristow and thanked the community for their support, "for being here today, for standing in line, and for all you do to make sure our future, these kids, have all they need to succeed." (Continued on Page 6)



Santa needed some serious help from the class in this takeoff of a popular TV show at Thursday's concert.



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Reluctant Santa goes green!

(Continued from Front Page)

A corps of tin soldiers agree that we have to get power in other ways, and are joined by a parade of 1970s-style hippies, singing "Power to the People" and brandishing placards touting wind, solar and water power.

Reduce, reuse, recycle are the keywords of the day. Reindeer and snowman agree to the concept, and the snowman vows to keep his battered hat instead of filling up the landfill. And then there's Grandma's fruitcake, which the recycling crew agrees has been recycled for years.

As Santa learns more about recycling of everything from aluminum cans to Christmas trees, Rudolph assures him, "we're not helpless, we can reduce the trend and save the world. It's our world and it can be green."

It's a perfect time of year to turn over a new leaf - "Or needle," says one of the

trees, and finally Santa is convinced. He even gets a new green suit for the final number, as he and the rest of Miss Piquette's Grade 6A

students are joined by Ms Capjack's 5A trees, Miss Grabas' 4A hippies, Miss Ockerman's, Mrs. Lindquist and Mr. Sereda's 3A recycle

crew, Mrs. Jenner's 2A reindeer and Mrs. Buryn's 1A toys and penguins for the finale.



Vicki Brooker photos

"Turn off the lights! Turn off the pumps!" chorus these red-horned reindeer, who advise Santa that he should be running his sled on ethanol. And we always thought it was reindeer-powered!



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CFCW Critters come to town

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By DOUG BASSETT
Review Sports

Over the hills and through the woods, to Hillmond the Bantam Avalanche did go, on Saturday, winning 4 to 1. Team captain "Dan the Man" with a hat trick, Jarred "Snipes" McGilvery slipping one over the line, assists by those little angels, "the Bruise Brothers," Matthew and Andrew Jenner.

On Sunday, with the thoughts of Christmas dancing in their heads, the boys couldn't focus on much else against Dewberry, losing this one 7 to 1. It takes six reindeer to pull Santa's sled,

but I bet the "Moose" could do it all alone. The "Moose," Brett Ockerman was the lone ranger for the Avalanche in this one; he scored a big booming slap shot from the blue line.

'Twas the Sunday before Christmas and all though the rink, the kids were laughing and having fun 'cause they knew Santa Claus was coming to town, and Santa did come to watch the fun. The Novice #1 and #2 played in a fun game against each other, after which they had shoot out, then some shinny with Santa Claus and then to top it off, they all enjoyed hot dogs and chili.

The Grinch who stole Christmas must have been working the game in Cold Lake Saturday night when the Midget Storm were robbed, losing a tough one to nothing game. The Storm actually scored to tie the game but without the benefit of video review it was waved off.

Dashing through the snow, the Atom Avalanche played Saturday in Mannville, winning this one 7 to 5. "The Flying Bull" Brodin Ference with six big boomers, Brodie "the Big O" Odgaard a single.

O come all you faithful, joyful and triumphant, the atoms in Mallaig on Sunday

didn't win but played a heck of a game, a hat trick for the "Flying Bull," the "Big O" with two, Matthew Mahoney with two, and Austin "Ozzie" Stafford was Santa's little helper with an assist.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "You love hockey more than you love me." Last week's answer to: "Hockey is just a game, my family comes first" - Wayne Gretzky.

Got some sports scoops? Please email them to sportsound007@hotmail.com

Impaired drivers charged

By CST. JOHN SPAANS
Elk Point RCMP
Detachment

On Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP received a complaint of a collision on Railway Ave. near 43 St. A Dodge Ram lost control while turning onto Railway Ave from 43 St. and drove into a retaining fence along the south side of the road. When police arrived, the male driver was sitting in the vehicle showing gross signs of intoxication. The male was arrested and returned to the Elk Point Detachment where breath samples were obtained. The 45-year-old Edmonton resident was found to have a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit and now faces impaired driving charges.

On Dec. 12 at 11:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP were conducting patrols through Grog Lake when a vehicle was pulled over for a vehicle equipment violation. When members spoke to the driver, it was determined he was under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested and returned to the Elk Point Detachment where breath tests indicated a blood alcohol level in the range of three times the legal limit. The 39-year-old Frog Lake resident has been charged with impaired driving.

Collision

Early in the morning on Dec. 15, Elk Point RCMP and Bonnyville EMS were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover in Fishing Lake. The vehicle drove through an intersection and into a ditch where it rolled. Three occupants were treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Investigation into the collision is ongoing.

Intoxicated persons

On Dec. 9 at approximately 9 p.m., Elk Point RCMP were called to a dis-

turbance at a residence in Frog Lake. Members arrived to find a grossly intoxicated male trying to fight people inside the house. The 25-year-old Frog Lake male was placed under arrest and held in custody until sober enough for release.

At 12 p.m. on Dec. 10, Elk Point RCMP were called back to the residence where they found the male causing problems again. The male was removed from the residence a second time to prevent any further problems.



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EDITORIAL

You know it's Christmas when...

You know that Christmas is coming when your mailbox contains envelopes with the addresses written in longhand and no little windows showing a bill inside, and as further reinforcement, you also find the card for your spring and summer catalogue...

You know that Christmas is getting near when the song that keeps running around in your head is along the lines of "The Carol of the Bells" or "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer"...

You know that Christmas is almost here when your grocery list doesn't stick to the boring and affordable basics, but includes such delights as smoked oysters, shrimp rings, puff pastry hors d'oeuvres and boxes of chocolates, and you don't even shudder at the thought of the cost or the calories...

You know that Christmas has arrived when you wake up on a Friday morning and don't have to get up and go to work, unless you're in the oil patch or in an essential service such as health care...

It's almost here. Rejoice, Enjoy. Celebrate safely.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Big spenders, big drifts, big star

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 22 IN...

1984

Town council played Santa for the community, ratifying both the purchase of the recreation land and the construction of the library, following further negotiations on tender prices to \$160,000 plus \$7,140 for air conditioning. Al Harlton of Alberta Tourism and Small Business urged the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce to form an economic development committee.

1989

A 25-cm. dump of snow driven into huge drifts by strong winds curbed pre-Christmas activities at the Christmas Extravaganza, with Elk Point Light Horse Club unable to extricate their horse trailers, wagons and sleighs to come to town and provide rides, and most of the entertainment lineup calling in to cancel their appearances. Early the following Monday, a power outage left the area in the minus 38-degree cold and dark while crews searched for the broken line.

1994

Almost 70 voices rang out as Elk Point Community Choir presented their annual Christmas concert to two capacity crowds. Heinsburg Community School hosted a family Christmas supper, featuring special entertainment by the Dewberry choir.

1999

Elk Point's Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic and United Churches combined voices in a glorious Christmas Cantata, hosted by Elk Point United Church. Elk Point town council wound up the year with in-depth discussions of their 2000 budget, and felt they would be able to hold the line on taxes provided there was not a large increase in school taxes.

2004

The traditional carol's massive star 'with a tail as big as a kite' became reality under the outstanding decorating efforts of Nemesio Tuliao, who placed first in the chamber's lighting and decorating contest, with Rocky and Roxy Botting second and Harvey and Cheryl Derewynka third. Birds of many feathers, a whole zoo full of animals, a glittering snow queen and a friendly neighbourhood Sasquatch cavorted on stage at Elk Point Elementary's twin concerts.

GUEST COLUMN

O little town

The carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" takes us back two thousand nine years where a miraculous gift has just been given to the world. A casual observer would at first sense nothing out of the ordinary. But as Christians, we look back on that night in awe and expectation. The hymn's author, Phillips Brooks, was a Harvard-trained minister whose dynamic and Christ-centered sermons brought him great popularity. He traveled widely during his lifetime, and he based his Christmas hymn and its picture of Bethlehem on memories of an 1865 visit to the Holy Land. During these travels he arranged to spend Christmas in Bethlehem. On Christmas Eve, he visited the field where according to tradition the shepherds heard the angelic proclamation. He then attended services in the Church of the Nativity. Afterwards he wrote a letter to the children of his Sunday School in Philadelphia, to whom he was exceptionally devoted, telling them of "standing in the old church in Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with the splendid hymns of praise to God."

These vivid memories remained with Phillips Brooks. In 1868 he wrote this hymn text that embodies his lifelong devotion to the divine sonship of Jesus Christ. Lewis H. Redner, the superintendent of Reverend Brooks's Sunday School and also the church organist, set the text to music. An editor later named the tune 'St. Louis', deriving this name from the composer's first name. Most listings of the carol only include the first three verses. However, originally it had two more, through Phillips Brooks himself later withdrew the fourth. I will quote all five verses.

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.*

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from the FCSS desk

*Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The ever lasting Light.*

*The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight*

*For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.*

*How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.*

*Where children, pure and happy,
Pray to the Blessed Child;
Where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the Mother mild;
Where charity stands watching,
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray:
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.*

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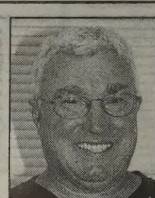
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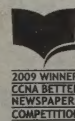
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The Buksa home, decked in classic red, white and green, placed second in this year's contest.

Chamber lighting contest winners

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

They're back and beautiful once again.

Last year's co-winners of the Chamber of Commerce lighting and decorating contest are back again, this year taking first and second place. First place went to Willie Lesyk's widespread display, with second going to his neighbour across the Ravine Drive cul de sac, David Buksa. Third prize goes to previous champion Nemesio Tuliao, while honourable mentions go Dave and Gillian Cousins, Jack and Leona Bretzer, Patsy and Ed Zarowny and the owners of the new home on 51 Ave.

In the Business category, first prize once again goes to Quin's, with a second prize going to Coldwell Banker and honourable mentions to Back Home Bed and Breakfast and to the Town of Elk Point.

Thanks, everyone, for your help in making Elk Point merry and bright this festive season!

Merry and bright

Willie Lesyk has once again charmed the judges with his brightly lighted and decorated landscape on Ravine Drive taking first prize

Vicki Brooker photos.

More coverage next week

The many events surrounding Christmas have overflowed our pages. Please check back next week for further Christmas coverage, along with other community news, in our New Year's issue.

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Thursday's stars

The stars of Thursday's concert at Elk Point Elementary include the 1B and 1C classes (top left), Kindergarten B (top right) and the tangoing trees from 3B (above).

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Smarter Santa?

(Continued from Front Page)

Young has said this could be his last concert at EPE, "there is the decision as to whether or not to let my name stand next October, and then there is that small detail of winning an election."

Wade Krider was the lucky winner of the draw for the Grade 5 classes' loonie stocking.

The school's two concerts "are truly something our staff and students get behind every year," Principal Lorne Young said. "It's amazing what they've done."

It was time for innovation in the main attraction. Christmas is a time to sing, dance and play, according to Miss Richard's 1C and Mrs. Wozniak's 1B students. Toy production at the North Pole is ahead of schedule, but the budget isn't looking good and the price of gas is so high that Santa doesn't think he can get any further than Elk Point if he doesn't get some serious income. A bake sale or sleigh wash won't do it, a longer 'naughty' list seems a bit petty at this point – but maybe a game show win might save the day.

The whole crew is busy painting, sewing and testing, and Mrs. Tkachuk's Grade 2B elves get right back to work, after Elvis Elf leads them in a rock'n'roll Christmas song, so Santa will be the one to sign up as a contestant on "Kids in School are Smarter."

It's a good thing he has Mrs. Richard's 5B class from EPE to depend on for help as he wades through questions on tree recycling – with trees from Mr. Hymanik's 3B class that don't get recycled wanting

to do the tango, the most famous stuffed animal of all time – with teddy bears and their owners doing the Teddy Bear Twist, and Christmas in Hawaii, with some happy hula going on, courtesy of Mrs. Vinge's 4B students.

That brings Santa up to the \$250,000 question, and he asked the audience for help in a question about snowmen, with frosty folk from Mrs. Holota's 6B class obligingly performed the Snowman Stomp in appreciation. Teacher's Pet Jordan helps out with the \$500,000 question, identifying Santa himself as the answer, while the whole group got together to identify Mommy as the target of Santa's kiss for the cool million.

"Now I can afford to deliver the toys," said a relieved Santa, as everyone came back on stage to sing, "Christmas Time is Here."

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Elvis and the other 2B
elves took a rock'n'roll
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building duties, while the
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Vicki Brooker photos

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Vicki Brooker photos

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The Prince of Peace

By PASTOR BILL KRYZANOWSKI
Elk Point Christian Community Church

As the year of 2009 comes to a close, the Christmas season has arrived. Once again, we are in a very busy time. For some, even a time of stress, with all the preparations of gifts to buy, food to prepare, "impatience of husbands" with the crowds in shopping malls.

I read of a little girl who seemed to be in the way of a couple, stressed with all the Christmas preparations. Finally she was sent to her bedroom. As she said her bedtime prayers, she misquoted The Lord's Prayer and prayed, "Forgive us our Christmases and we forgive those who Christmas against us."

Our heavenly Father never meant that the birth of His Son Jesus should be a time of stress and concern over details, that we put so much emphasis on.

In Luke's account of the Christmas story in chapter 2, verses 13 and 14, we

read, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will toward men.'"

In Isaiah's account of the birth of Christ, 9:6, Jesus would be called the Prince of Peace.

Could it be that we have become so preoccupied with having everything just perfect, the gifts, donations and food, etc., that we're missing what the birth of Jesus really means?

The Christmas story is a love story. In John 3:16, God loved and He gave His Son Jesus that all who believe (receive Jesus' gift of salvation) should have everlasting eternal life. Have you received His gift?

I trust that you have, and that this Christmas season will be a time of peace, joy and happiness to you and your family and friends.

Merry Christmas to you.

Next stop, Bethlehem!

By PASTOR JIM MACLELLAN
Elk Point Baptist Church

Imagine you are on the way to an all-expense paid trip to a great fantasy playland! You stop off at a convenience store for a snack. And that's where you stay. There you enjoy the aroma of blended coffee and fresh-baked pastries. You totally lose perspective! This was not to be your destination.

Today's travelers are dangerously threatened with the same hazard. There are wonderful stops along life's road. One of the stops is Bethlehem. It's a place of great promise and fulfillment. It is the place where history records that God

became a Man. The eternal God, the Creator – the One who had no beginning, stepped into time and clothed Himself with humanity. This is what we celebrate on the day we call Christmas. But we mustn't stay there.

There is another location that we must go to. It seems hideous at first. Like our favorite game of Monopoly we cannot pass 'Go' – we must go to Golgotha. It's a place of execution. Death is everywhere. Although necessary, we must keep travelling to another place of death. A cemetery! Finding a rich man's grave we come upon an eerie silence. The grave is empty. Once it was the resting place of the GodMan, but now it is mysteriously vacant. The context is death, but the aroma and the atmosphere is victory. The One who lived and died is alive!

Bethlehem, Golgotha, the Empty Tomb are vital points along the way. But we do not worship One who is in Bethlehem. Neither is He on the Cross. Nor is our GodMan drifting around Palestine. He is occupying another "Place". The Bible calls this place Heaven. Our

God and Savior is there now. There He occupies the regal throne of the Universe. For Him Bethlehem was a stop along the way. Bethlehem is the same for his followers. Bethlehem is a nice place to stay. It is convenient. It's cute. But to travel on one must face issues like sin and death. Is it worth it? "You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." (Psalm 16:11)

The path of life is known. The map is drawn. The route has been travelled. The destination is unspeakable, indescribable joy! To get there we must come to Bethlehem; move to Golgotha; approach the empty tomb; and gaze by faith into Heaven. Christmas must collide with Easter and the result is Eternal Life.

Christmas is an expedient stop, it's not the Destination. Our wish for you is that the interim pleasures of Christmas will be propel you to the ultimate Destination: eternal and incomparable pleasures in the presence of Christ, forever and ever. Merry Christmas from all of us at Elk Point Baptist Church. "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;" (Romans 10:9).

New Year's dance will help families

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

This year's New Year's Eve Benefit dance in St. Paul will assist three local area families cope with the impact of tragic circumstances, from a family struggling with their 18-month-old girl's heart operations, to a young couple coping with a car crash, to two parents who want to purchase a headstone for the baby they lost.

Council hears golf club proposal

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council heard a proposal at last week's meeting from Elk Point Golf and Country Club, which is interested in taking over operation of the adjacent campground from the town. The club feels this would free up time now spend on maintenance by the public works department and would allow the golf course to promote 'stay and play' packages. They would also keep the campground open longer in the fall, with reduced rates for unserved sites after water lines are drained for the season.

Council tabled a decision on whether to lease the campground to the club, as some further research needs to be done regarding how this would affect the grant the town receives for operation of the recreation land.

New bylaws

Council passed first reading on their Industrial Area Structure Plan bylaw. They also passed first reading on a Public Places Harassment and Curfew Bylaw.

Both bylaws are to be advertised and public hearings held before the remaining readings take place.

(More council news next week)

"Our vision is a community standing behind families," says organizer Jody-Lynn Dunlop, explaining the purpose of the benefit.

Molly and Mark Kulczycki have a child that was born with a hole in its heart and a damaged heart valve. The 18-month-old girl has already had three surgeries. Her mother said that they know that there will be more operations in the future as the valve will likely need to be replaced and the hole in her heart will need to be repaired.

"It's so nice to see a community help all these families that are going through something so difficult," said Molly Kulczycki. "This is such an amazing support. When you are scrambling and you have to take a whole month off work, you just don't know how you are going to make it work."

Another family that will benefit from the New Year's event is Janessa Marchuk and Tyrell Trotter, a young couple whose lives have been torn apart by a tragic car accident. Marchuk's father was killed in the accident and Trotter is still recovering from a brain injury. Their two-year-old son was also in the accident but fortunately, he was not injured. Marchuk was pleased to hear that they had

been selected as one of this year's New Years Eve families.

"This is awesome," exclaimed Marchuk. "I didn't even know that my name was put in. I was pretty surprised when I got the call."

The third family benefiting from proceeds of the dance are Ron Kulczycki and Cymber-Anne Poulin, who lost their baby on Mother's Day, three days before Poulin was scheduled to give birth. They intend to use the money to purchase a headstone for the baby's grave.

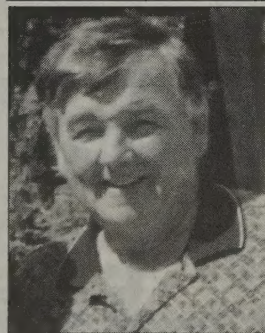
"This is something that we have always wanted to do but just couldn't afford it," said Poulin.

Although each of these families are struggling, they all agree that the support of the community is comforting.

The event will once again be held in the gym of

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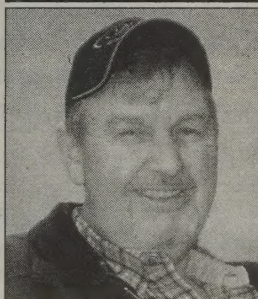
Sadly missed by Levina, Valerie, Bill, Athena, Savanna & Darryl.

Network. Music for the dance, which starts at 9 p.m., will be supplied by Rollie Poitras and the Good Timers Band. A hot lunch will also be served at 10:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and under, while costs at the door are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets can be purchased in Elk Point at Mom's Cream and Sugar Café, Kelly's Closet and Northbound 41, and in St. Paul at MG's Liquor Mart, Magic Fingers and Parent Link. Donations will also be accepted at the Servus Credit Union under the name of St. Paul and Community Benefit.

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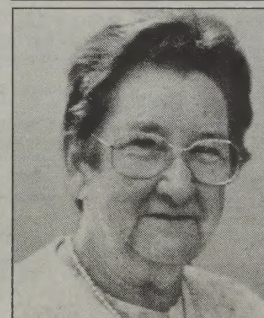
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OBITUARY

MOOREHEAD, Mary



On December 14, 2009, Mrs. Mary Moorehead of Bonnyville, formerly of Elk Point, passed away at the age of 89 years.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, Anne Bennett of Edmonton, Nellie (Ken) Hillebrand of Elk Point & Marie Moorehead of Edmonton; 7 grandchildren, Glen (Pat) Bennett, Marion (Kevin) Gaureau, Bev (Shane) Christensen, Cameron (Mel) Bennett, Leslie Hillebrand, Michelle (Chris) Hillebrand & Kenna (Michael) Leatham; 5 great-grandchildren, Stephen & Kennadi Hillebrand, Chase & Keeley Christensen & Zachary Bennett; 2 sisters-in-law, Faye Garden of Oshawa, ON & Lorraine Garden of Camrose; 1 nephew, Lanny Garden of Lloydminster; 2 nieces, Lynn Olsen of Edmonton & Shannon Potter of Camrose; also numerous cousins in Canada & Scotland. She was predeceased by her parents, John & Eleanor Garden; 3 brothers, John, Alex & Arthur Garden.

A Funeral Service was held Friday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul with Reverend Sam Donaldson officiating. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or Cross Cancer Institute (Breast Cancer Research) or the Charity of One's Choice c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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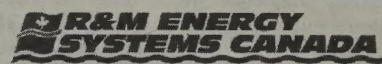
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Critters here for good time

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The CFCW Critters hockey team came to town Thursday night and provided a great evening of entertainment for the small but appreciative crowd with their antics as they took on the Elk Point RCMP.

And antics there were aplenty. The Critters' furry namesake was on top of the goal nets, squashed into the penalty box with the whole RCMP and a somewhat flattened boxkeeper, and out in the middle of the hockey

action with his team, which for this special occasion, also included Santa Claus and young local hockey player Jared Vallee.

The Critters pulled off a 13-5 win over the somewhat rattled RCMP.

Other events included a shootout for gift certificates, a draw for a loonie stick won by Vallee's grand-

ma, Paula Wirsta, a 50-50 won by Millie Orr and raffles of items donated by both local businesses and CFCW, ranging from gift certificates to an autographed football to tickets to Big Valley Jamboree.

Proceeds from the event will go toward Elk Point's water spray park and completion of the EcoCentre.



Review Sportshound Doug Bassett shared the announcer's booth with CFCW's Marty Stevens, who provided great colour commentary and play-by-play of the game

At right, it was a full penalty box as the RCMP were given a taste of incarceration, guarded by the Critter himself, while the Critters took the opportunity to send another goal past the RCMP's defenseless goaltender.



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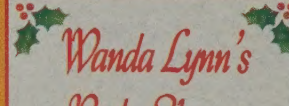
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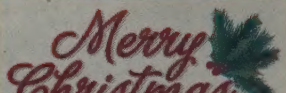
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